

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. **(currently amended)** A disposable diaper having a front waist region, a rear waist region and a crotch region therebetween, said diaper comprising:

a basic absorbent batt structure having a liquid-pervious body facing surface and a liquid-impervious ~~liquid-impervious~~ garment facing surface;

at least one supplementary absorbent batt structure having a liquid-pervious body facing surface and an opposite inner surface;

said supplementary absorbent batt structure being placed upon the body facing surface of said basic absorbent batt structure so as to extend from said front waist region toward said crotch region;

said basic absorbent batt structure being formed in a transversely middle region of the body facing surface thereof with a cavity which extends ~~so as to extend~~ from said crotch region toward said front waist region; ~~[[and]]~~ .

said supplementary absorbent batt structure covering an upper opening of said cavity ~~which extends~~ in said front waist region and partially covering said upper opening of said cavity ~~which extends~~ in said crotch region; and

a front excrement ~~[[feces]]~~ receiving space being formed between said supplementary absorbent batt structure and said cavity so as to extend from said crotch region toward said front waist region, and said upper opening of said cavity being partially uncovered in said crotch region to define an inlet leading into ~~being contiguous to~~ said front excrement ~~[[feces]]~~ receiving space.

2. (original) A disposable diaper according to claim 1, wherein said basic absorbent batt structure comprises a liquid-pervious topsheet defining said body facing surface thereof, a liquid-impervious backsheet defining said garment facing surface thereof and a liquid-absorbent first core disposed therebetween.

3. (original) A disposable diaper according to claim 1, wherein said supplementary absorbent batt structure comprises a liquid-absorbent second core and a liquid-pervious sheet covering at least a body facing surface of said second core.

4. **(currently amended)** A disposable diaper according to claim 1, further comprising at least a barrier cuff that extends outwardly from ~~of each of~~ said supplementary absorbent batt structure.

5. **(currently amended)** A disposable diaper according to claim 1, further comprising ~~wherein~~ barrier cuffs ~~[[are]]~~ elasticized by elastic members secured along ~~[[said]]~~ distal edge ~~[[edge]]~~ portions thereof.

6. **(currently amended)** A disposable diaper according to claim ~~[[4]]~~ 5, wherein said distal edge portions of said barrier cuffs are positioned inwardly of ~~[[said]]~~ proximal edge portions of said barrier cuffs.

7. **(currently amended)** A disposable diaper according to claim ~~[[4]]~~ 2, wherein said basic absorbent batt structure further comprises a pair of elasticized side flaps extending outwardly from transversely opposite side edges of said first core.

8. (original) A disposable diaper according to claim 7, wherein said side flaps are elasticized by elastic members secured therealong.

9. **(currently amended)** A disposable diaper according to claim 7, further comprising barrier cuffs having ~~wherein said proximal edge portions of said barrier cuffs are joined onto said side flaps.~~

10. **(currently amended)** A disposable diaper according to claim 1, further comprising: another ~~a second~~ supplementary absorbent batt structure having a body facing surface and an opposite inner surface which is at least partially covered with a liquid-pervious sheet and extends from said rear waist region toward said crotch region on the body facing surface of said basic absorbent batt structure; [[,]]

said cavity extending ~~formed in the transversely middle region of said basic absorbent batt structure so as to extend~~ from said crotch region toward said front and rear waist regions; having

the upper opening of said cavity [[of]] being covered with said second supplementary absorbent batt structure in said rear waist region and partially covered with said second supplementary absorbent batt structure in said crotch region; and

a rear excrement ~~second feces~~ receiving space being formed between said second supplementary absorbent batt structure and said cavity so as to extend from said crotch region toward said rear waist region, wherein said [[feces]] inlet leading into both ~~being contiguous to said front and rear excrement receiving spaces feces receiving space and said second feces receiving space~~ is formed between said two supplementary absorbent batt ~~structure~~ structures.

11. **(currently amended)** A disposable diaper according to claim 1, ~~wherein~~ further comprising a plurality of walls protruding upward from the bottom of said cavity at a height substantially corresponding to a depth of said cavity;

wherein said walls extend in the longitudinal direction on the body facing surface of said basic absorbent batt structure and are transversely spaced one from another by a given interval so that said cavity is transversely divided by said walls.

12. (original) A disposable diaper according to claim 11, wherein said walls extend in said crotch region but not in said front and rear waist regions.

13. (new) A disposable diaper, comprising:
a lower absorbent structure having, on an upper side thereof, a depressed region defining a cavity and an elevated region extending around the depressed region; and
a separate, upper absorbent structure placed on top of said lower absorbent structure so as to partially cover an upper opening of said cavity;
wherein a part of said upper opening uncovered by said upper absorbent structure defines an inlet leading into an excrement receiving space defined by said cavity below said upper absorbent structure.

14. (new) The diaper of claim 13, wherein said lower absorbent core includes a liquid-pervious topsheet, a liquid-impervious backsheet and an absorbent body disposed between the topsheet and backsheet, said absorbent body extending continuously from said elevated region into said depressed regions.

15. (new) The diaper of claim 14, wherein a thickness of said absorbent body in the depressed region is less than in the elevated region.

16. (new) The diaper of claim 13, wherein said elevated region completely surrounds the depressed region;
said upper absorbent structure being supported from below by lateral portions of said lower absorbent structure in the elevated region, said lateral portions being spaced from each other in a transverse direction of the diaper by said depressed region.

17. (new) The diaper of claim 15, wherein said elevated region completely surrounds

the depressed region;

said upper absorbent structure being supported from below by lateral portions of said lower absorbent structure in the elevated region, said lateral portions being spaced from each other in a transverse direction of the diaper by said depressed region.

18. **(new)** The diaper of claim 13, wherein

said upper absorbent structure comprises an absorbent body and a liquid-pervious sheet covering said absorbent body; and

peripheral portions of said liquid-pervious sheet extending outwardly beyond edges of said absorbent body are overlaid and joined to each other, as well as to the lower absorbent structure.

19. **(new)** The diaper of claim 18, wherein said upper absorbent structure further comprises tissue paper entirely covering the absorbent body.

20. **(new)** The diaper of claim 13, wherein

said lower absorbent core includes a liquid-pervious topsheet, a liquid-impervious backsheet and an absorbent body disposed between the topsheet and backsheet; and

the topsheet is in direct physical contact with the absorbent body throughout an entire upper surface of said lower absorbent core.

21. **(new)** The diaper of claim 13, further comprising a liquid-pervious topsheet and a liquid-impervious backsheet, said upper and lower absorbent structure being disposed between the topsheet and backsheet;

wherein the cavity has a bottom and side walls extending upwardly from the bottom, and the topsheet is in direct physical contact with the bottom and side walls of the cavity.

22. **(new)** The diaper of claim 14, further comprising another upper absorbent

structure placed on top of said lower absorbent structure so as to partially cover the upper opening of said cavity;

wherein said inlet leading into the excrement receiving spaces, which are defined by said cavity below said upper absorbent structures, is formed between said upper absorbent structures.

23. **(new)** The diaper of claim 22, wherein said elevated region completely surrounds the depressed region;

said another upper absorbent structure being supported from below by lateral portions of said lower absorbent structure in the elevated region, said lateral portions being spaced from each other in a transverse direction of the diaper by said depressed region.

24. **(new)** The diaper of claim 13, wherein said lower absorbent structure comprises multiple, alternating arranged said elevated and depressed regions.

25. **(new)** The diaper of claim 24, wherein said upper absorbent structure being supported from below by portions of said lower absorbent structure in the elevated region, each of said portions being located between adjacent said depressed regions.

26. **(new)** The diaper of claim 24, wherein the cavities defined by said depressed regions are all fluidly connected.

27. **(new)** The diaper of claim 25, wherein
said lower absorbent core includes a liquid-pervious topsheet, a liquid-impervious backsheet and an absorbent body disposed between the topsheet and backsheet; and

each of the cavities defined by said depressed regions has a bottom and side walls extending upwardly from the bottom, and the topsheet is in direct physical contact with the bottom and side walls of each of the cavities.